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When Wisdom Failed

HARRY HUNTER

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And What He Got

The National Forests are free to campers, fishermen, and hunters. You may go where you will, stay as long as you wish, and do as you please. BUT—get a CAMP FIRE PERMIT and then BE CAREFUL

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HEALTH



The National Forests offer opportunities for health and happiness for millions of people annually unless

HARRY HUNTER was wise. He never traveled with a tenderfoot crowd and generally picked a National Forest for his hunting ground. As a consequence he always bagged his game and acquired a wide reputation as a "real woodsman."

"A five-pointer for mine," said Harry one hot August day. So he bought ammunition, oiled up his gun, collected his simple camp outfit, and slipped away

CIGARS, cigarettes, pipe ashes, or matches are a menace. Be sure they are out before you throw them away. If you fail they will start many forest fires every year.

REMEMBER! BE CAREFUL!

one night for the mountains. There he talked with the forest rangers, from whom he got maps and his camp-fire permit, and finally made camp beside a little spring in the midst of a pine forest.

“It’s the early bird that catches the worm,” mused Harry Hunter, “so to-morrow I’ll leave camp before daylight and by dark I’ll be back with the buck.”

FIRE



→ Carelessness, indifference, thoughtlessness, or malice causes disaster; then

And he was—but his camp had disappeared. In its place was a heap of smoking embers, and all around raged a forest fire.

For Harry, wise woodsman that he was, had been careless. With his mind all set for the buck, he had “forgotten” that water and dirt, used in time, make a camp fire safe.

But he’ll remember next time. For he had to fight fire for a week, the rangers

CARELESSNESS is responsible for most of the forest fires traceable to human origin each year. Such fires can be prevented by observing the Six Rules. See page 5 of this folder.

HELP PREVENT FIRES

ate most of his meat, the judge waxed sarcastic as he imposed a fifty-dollar fine, and a lumber company whose timber had been destroyed entered suit for damages.

"The bigger they are the harder they fall," murmured sympathetic friends when news of Harry's troubles reached home.

MORAL:

It's a wise man who remembers in time.

DEVASTATION



→ They are no longer Playgrounds, nor are they an asset to the local communities dependent upon them. 8-4574

HELP PREVENT FIRES

FOLLOW THESE RULES:

- (1) **MATCHES.** Be sure your match is out. Pinch it before you throw it away.
- (2) **TOBACCO.** Throw pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stumps in the dust of the road and stamp or pinch out the fire before leaving them. Don't throw them into brush, leaves, or needles.
- (3) **MAKING CAMP.** Build a small campfire. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log or near brush. Scrape away the trash from all around it.
- (4) **LEAVING CAMP.** Never leave a campfire, even for a short time, without quenching it with water and then covering it with earth.
- (5) **BONFIRES.** Never build bonfires in windy weather or where there is the slightest danger of their escaping from control. Don't make them larger than you need.
- (6) **FIGHTING FIRES.** If you find a fire, try to put it out. If you can't, get word of it to the nearest United States forest ranger or State fire warden at once.



